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REPORT

OF

THE STATE PENITENTIARY:

COMPRISING THE REPORTS OF THE

DIRECTORS, SUPERINTENDENT, AND AGENT,

FOR 1854, 1855.

(HOUSE DOCUMENT.)

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR 1854.

To his Excellency, E M Pease,
Governor of the State of Texas.

The undersigned, directors of the "Texas State Penitentiary," in pursuance of law, submit the following as their annual report of the government, discipline, and transactions of the same, for the year ending Sept 30th, 1854.

GOVERNMENT AND DISCIPLINE.

So far as the government and discipline of the institution is concerned, there can be but little said The by laws and regulations heretofore adopted, and sanctioned by the (then) Executive, works well. Everything has been conducted harmoniously and satisfactory The convicts, almost without an exception, are orderly and industrious; indeed a spirit of rivalry appears to exist, in the amount of labor, and quality of work done. We now have six good workmen in the brick laying, and four in the wagon making—all of whom acquired their knowledge here.

In but one or two instances has the Superintendent been compelled to resort, under our sanction, to coercive measures to enforce rigid compliance with the rules of the institution.

PENITENTIARY.

Since our last report, the exterior wall on the West side has been finished, and the South wall put up. The Superintendent's house has been completed, and the roof on it; and the North line of block 2 put on, and a large blacksmith shop put up, and finished.

FACTORY

By reason of the provision made by the Legislature at its last session, for the conversion of the institution into a cotton and woollen manufactory, the labor of the convicts has been diverted from the completion of the Penitentiary, to the erection of suitable buildings for the reception of the engine and machinery, and notwithstanding the unfortunate character of the weather for such purposes, it affords us pleasure to say, the work has progressed beyond our most sanguine expectations. The main building is 270 feet by 50 feet, containing 66 openings to the story. Two entire sets of frames have been made, and the

lower story raised to the top of the first sets of frames, with a foundation wall in the center of the building, and a partition wall one story high, by convict labor. But owing to the late disastrous overflow at Galveston, destroying the lime on hand—(part of which had been purchased by the agent.) The masonry is now delayed for the want of it—which we trust will be but temporary, as the agent has made a new purchase, part of which is now on the road.

Under the direction of the Superintendent, and our approval, the agent of the Penitentiary proceeded to the North last Spring, and contracted for an engine of sufficient power (for all prospective purposes) and machinery sufficient to manufacture 1500 yards of coarse cotton, and 500 yards of coarse woollen cloth per day; all of which is to be ready for delivery by the 1st of Dec. next—to attend to which, and have the same forwarded without delay to Galveston, the agent will leave for the North in a few days. Should no unforeseen contingency arise, we expect to have it ready for business by July next.

HEALTH OF CONVICTS.

Since our last report there has been three deaths, the causes of which originated before being sent here. There has been but little sickness among the convicts. Notwithstanding their being fed on fresh beef every alternate day, a disease similar to the scurvy made its appearance and spread to a considerable extent, but under the close attention of Messrs Keenan and Renfro, the physicians of the institution, and suitable regimen, it, as well as other diseases, readily gave way, and general good health now prevails.

FINANCIAL.

From the report of the agent already sent forward, duly approved by us, and the accompanying exhibit of the Superintendent, it will be perceived that the finances of the institution are in a healthy condition. The various branches of duty pertaining to their respective offices, have been discharged to our entire satisfaction.

AGENT'S REPORT.

From the report of the agent to your Excellency, it will appear that the amount of monies that has come into his hands from all sources, has been	$23,949 04
And the amount disbursed,	20,202 40
Leaving a balance of	3,746 64

Which upon examination, we found on hand.

The amount of sales made by the agent as per report will be found to have been		4,649 15
Which has been accounted for as follows: cash rec'd		2,468 54
Sales made to those the penitentiary was indebted to		1,540 69
Amount due on books for last year's sales,		639 92
		$4,649 15
From an examination of the books of the agent, there is due the institution for sales previous to Oct. 1st, 1853,		599 65
Less profit and loss,	$32 65	
To which add above amount of		639 92
Making the amount due Penitentiary on books		$1,239 57

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

From the report of the Superintend'nt made us, and herewith forwarded, it will be perceived that the expenses of the institution for the next year will be		$33,245 24
Subject to a deduction for sundries on hand of		2,364 54
Required amount,		30,880 70
And that the resources to meet it will be		30,461 21
Showing a deficit of		419 49
He has also appended an estimate of the probable resources of the institution for last quarter of 1855, ending Dec. 31st, for which there will be an unexpended balance of appropriation already made	$5,350 00	
Estimate of sales from work,	900 00	6,250 00
From which deduct deficit as above of		419 49
Leaving for the expense of said quarter		$5,830 50

Which amount we believe will be amply sufficient for all ordinary expenses.

Although not required of us by law at this time, yet we do not conceive it unappropriate to state to your Excellency that from an examination of the amount of convict labor done on the Penitentiary,

and reference to an estimate of the value of the same, at the lowest mechanical rates, say 25 per cent under manufacturers' rates, amount to		$13,478 95
To which must be added the amount of sales per agent's report		4,649 10
		18,128 10
To which amount may be added sundries on hand credited to expense estimate of		2,364 54
Also amount of inventory on hand not in expense estimate,	$3,238 34	
Less amount included in same and originally on hand,	976 00	2,262 34
		$22,754 98
From which deduct gross expense per agent's report,		$20,774 34
Leaving a balance in favor of institution of		$ 1,980 64

CONVICTS ON HAND.

There has been received into the Penitentiary since our last report, Sept 30th, 1854,	36
Number then on hand,	64
	100
Of which there has been discharged by expiration of term	21
Pardoned,	6
Deaths,	3
On mandate Supreme Court,	1-31
Number on hand Oct. 1st, 1854,	69

During the year there has been 2 escapes and retaken—none final. For a statement in detail, see report C.

The convicts have been, and are engaged as follows:

Making Work for sale—	Wagon making	4
	Blacksmiths,	2
	Strikers,	2
	Cabinet Shop	2-10
Work on Penitentiary ac.—	Carpenters,	3
	Tailoring,	1
	Shoemaker,	1
	Assistant Wagoner,	1

Brick Layers,	6	
Tenders,	10	
Kilning brick,	5	
Brick-yard,	27	
Cooks,	2	
Washers and Sweepers,	3	59
		69

J. CARROLL SMITH,
WM. M. BARRETT.

HUNTSVILLE, Oct. 28th, 1854.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR 1854.

To the Honorable, the Board of Directors of the Texas State Penitentiary.

The undersigned, Superintendent of the Texas Penitentiary, in pursuance of law, submits the following estimate of materials necessary for the completion of the factory building, and work on block No. 2—hospital and wash room—for the next year, with the cost of same. Also the amount that will be necessary to carry on the wagon, blacksmith, and cabinet shops, and pay of employees,—and provision and clothing.

FOR THE COMPLETION OF FACTORY BUILDING.

650,000 brick made and laid by convict labor,				
325 cords wood	*a* $1 50 per cd.		$ 487 50	
325 bbls lime	*a* 4 00 per bbl		1,300 00	
Expense of burning brick at night,			50 00	
1,000 fine brick for boiler setting delv'd.			100 00	
181,000 feet lumber	*a* 20 00 per M	"	3,620 00	
95 boxes r. tin	*a* 12 50 per box	"	1187 50	
500 lbs block tin	*a* 35 per lb	"	175 00	
500 " lead,	*a* 10 per lb	"	50 00	
500 " putty,	*a* 8 per lb	"	40 00	
70 boxes glass,	*a* 2 25 per box	"	157 50	
500 lbs F'h zinc pt	*a* 14 per lb	"	70 00	
180 galls lins'd oil	*a* 1 00 per gal	"	180 00	
30 kegs nails	*a* 7 00 per keg	"	210 00	
2,000 bls iron for stay bolts	*a* 7 00 per lb	"	140 00	
Putting on roof and conductors,			700 00	
Contingent,			500 00	$8,96750

THE COMPLETION OF BLOCK TWO, IN PART.

16,800 lbs ir'n f'r 84 cell d'rs,	*a* $7 00 per dr	1,176 00	
7,000 ft lumber for ceiling,	*a* 20 00 per M	140 00	
450 " " " floors,	*a* 20 00 per M	9 00	
500 lbs ir'n for main door	*a* 7 per lb	35 00	
10 boxes glass, 10 by 12	*a* 3 50 per bx	35 00	
60 lbs putty	*a* 8 per lb	4 80	
200 lbs French zinc paint	*a* 14 per lb	28 00	

40 galls linseed oil,	*a* 1 00 per gal	40 00	
Locks and fastenings for 84 cell doors,		84 00	
2 Kegs nails	*a* 7 00 per keg	14 00	$1,565 80

FOR EXTENSION OF BLOCK TWO, FEMALE CELLS, HOSPITAL AND WASH ROOM, THOUGH NOT TO COMPLETION.

600,000 brick made and laid by convict labor.			
450 cords wood	*a* $1 50 per cd	$675 00	
300 bbls lime	*a* 4 00 per bl	1,200 00	
5,000 feet oak lumber	*a* 22 50 per M	112 50	
1,600 " pine "	*a* 20 00 "	32 00	
1,680 " " " joists	*a* 20 00 "	33 60	
1,500 lbs for iron hangers &c. for cell doors,	*a* 7 00 per lb	105 00	
540 bushels of corn	*a* 1 25 per b.	675 00	
Teamster	*a* 23 00 per mo	252 00	
Contingent		500 00	3,585 10
Amount for buildings,			$14,118 40

FOR WAGON AND BLACKSMITH SHOPS.

Lumber for 40 wagons	*a* $10 00 ea.	$400 00	
16,000 lbs iron assorted	*a* 8 00 per lb	1,280 00	
40 sets wagon boxes	*a* 2 00 per set	80 00	
2,000 bushels coal	*a* 8 per b.	160 00	
Paints and oil, say		75 00	
Wagon workmen	*a* 60 00 per mo	720 00	
Tools,		100 00	$2,815 00

FOR CABINET SHOP.

Lumber, tools, paints, oils, and sundries,			250 00
			$3,065 00
For provisions,		5,481 84	
For clothing,		900 00	6,381 84
For medicines and diet,		200 00	

FOR EMPLOYEES, &C.

Directors,		300 00	
Physicians,		350 "	
Guard,		4,740 "	
Bricklayer,		720 "	
Carpenter,		720 "	
Transportation of convicts,		2,000 "	
Discharged convicts,		200 "	
200 galls. lamp oil	*a* $1 00 per gal	200 "	
Contingent,		250 "	9,480 00

RECAPITULATION OF EXPENSE ESTIMATE.

For materials &c. for work on building	14,118 40	
" Wagon, blacksmith, and cabinet shops	3,065 00	
" Provisions and clothing	6,381 84	
" Medicines and diet	200 00	
" Employees &c.	9,480 00	33,245 24

Contra

BY MATERIALS ON HAND ON ACCOUNT OF BUILDINGS, AND INCLUDED IN ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES.

7156 feet lumber, window frames and lintels, Factory,		143 12	
150 cords wood	a $1 50 per cd.	225 00	
3 kegs nails	a 7 00 per keg	21 00	
270 lbs pure white lead	a 11 per lb	29 70	
30 galls linseed oil	a 1 00 per gal	30 00	
1 keg powder		7 00	
55 boxes percussion caps	a 30 per box	16 50	
15 pad-locks	a 1 00 ea.	15 00	
400 bushels corn	a 1 25 per b.	500 00	987 32

BELONGING TO WAGON AND BLACKSMITH SHOPS.

5231 lbs iron, assorted	a $8 00 per lb	418 48	
23 sets wagon boxes	a 2 00 per bx	46 00	
1 set iron axles, 44 lbs	a 11 per lb	4 84	
2 pair eliptic springs 128 lbs		19 20	
40 lbs venetian red	a 9 per lb	3 60	
Wagon lumber		180 00	
200 bushels coal		16 00	688 12

BELONGING TO CABINET SHOPS.

1046 feet lumber	a $20 00 per M	20 92	
Bed screws, brass butts, and screws		20 00	40 92
Amount on hand belonging to shop			$728 04

BELONGING TO MEDICINES &C.

11 ounces quinine	a $4 00 per oz	44 00	
10 bottles castor oil		32 50	
Sundries		6 00	$82 00

BELONGING TO PROVISIONS.

2 boxes (197 lbs) tobacco	a $ 20 per lb	39 40
4 " (184 ") soap	a 7 per lb	12 88
3 bbls Molasses	a 15 00 per bbl	45 00

3 " Flour	*a* 12 00 per bbl	36 00	
4 " Mess pork	*a* 20 00 per bbl	80 00	
1900 lbs bacon sides	*a* 10 per lb	190 00	
4½ sacks salt	*a* 4 00 per sack	18 00	$421 28

BELONGING TO CLOTHING.

15 round jackets	*a* $1 00 ea	15 00	
92 pair pants	*a* 75 per pr	69 00	
9 shirts	*a* 60 ea	5 40	
28 pair shoes	*a* 1 25 per pr	35 00	$124 40

To provisions and clothing		$545 68
By 20 galls l'p oil on hand *a* 1 00 per gal		20 00

Recapitulation of sundries on hand included in estimate of gross expenses—to wit:

On account of buildings	987 32	
Wagon, blacksmith, and cabinet shops	729 04	
Medicines	82 50	
Provisions and clothing	545 68	
Lights at night	20 00	$2,364 54

To gross expense per estimate br't for'd	$33,245 24	
By balance		$30,880 70
		$33,245 24
To balance brought down	$30,880 70	

To meet which balance of estimated expense for the year ending Sept. 30, '55. The undersigned submits the following resources, the most of which he has obt'd from the books of the institution, and the disbursing agent.

To wit: cash balance on hand Sept. 30, '54	3,746 64	
cash sent forw'd by ag't for supplies	575 00	
am't due on the books for sundries	1,239 57	
estimated amount of sales	3,500 00	
1 yr's appropriation to Sept 30, '55	21,400 00	
Balance to close	419 49	$30,880 70

Showing a deficiency to meet estimated expense, of	$419 49

On the 1st day of Oct. 1855, there will be an unexpended balance of appropriation

of	$5,350 00	
Estimated am't of sales for 4th quarter '55	900 00	
To balance		5,830 50
	$6,250 00	$6,250 00
Probable am't on hand, for the expenses of the institution for 4th quarter, ending Dec. 31st, 1855, brought down.		$5,830 51

The undersigned has also prepared the following inventory of materials on hand, and other sundries, which although required by law to be made out by your honorable board, he was satisfied that conversant as he was bound to be, with all the minute details of the institution, he had greater facilities to make it full and complete, than any other person probably could. He therefore trusts that he will not stand charged with assuming that privilege, which of right did not belong to him.

Inventory of materials and sundries on hand, not included in those heretofore rendered—and passed to the credit of expense estimate.

180,000 burnt brick, convict labor	*a* $7 00 per M	$1,260 00	
180,000 unb'nt " in kiln	*a* 3 50 per M	630 00	$1,890 00
1 wagon and 2 yokes oxen, on h'nd		150 00	
1 Horse and mule, m on hand, $75		120 "	
Brick yard tools	do	61 "	
5 double barrel shot guns	do	75 "	
3 pistols	do	24 "	
4 Colt's revolvers		92 "	
1 box U. S. muskets			
Office furniture	$51 on hand	108 "	
1 iron safe	" "	215 "	
Guard room furniture		50 "	
Kitchen "		60 "	
78 cell "	on hand $325	418 "	
1 set large iron axle trees		29 40	
2 large oil cans		14 00	
4 small do		8 00	
2 double geared 14 inch block and tackle complete		59 94	
1 chain pump		20 00	
4 wrought iron wheel barrow rims		16 00	$1,520 94
98 acres land—Penitentiary items			$3,410 3[illegible]

WAGON AND BLACKSMITH SHOPS.

5 Wagons complete	*a* $85 00 ea.	425 00	
20 " ready for ironing, with boxes set		800 00	
Tools		250 00	$1,475 00

CABINET SHOP.

Work make (sundries)	93 00	
Tools	150 00	243 00

Wagon, blacksmith, and cabinet shops	$1,718 00
Penitentiary less brick brought down	1,520 34
Sundries on hand	$3,238 34

Of the above $976 00 on hand Oct. 1st, 1853.

Respectfully submitted

JAMES GILLASPIE,

Superintendent.

HUNTSVILLE, Oct. 26th, 1854.

We the undersigned, Superintendent and Directors of the Texas State Penitentiary, do hereby certify that we have carefully compared the original transcript and vouchers on file in the office of the Penitentiary (of which the annexed is a correct abstract) with the books of John S. Besser, Agent and Clerk of the Institution, and find the same correct to the best of our judgment and belief. JAMES GILLASPIE, Sup't.

W. M. BARRETT, } Directors.
J. CARROLL SMITH. }

Huntsville, Oct. 5th, 1854.

RECAPITULATION FOR YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 1854.

SALES.

ON WHAT ACCOUNT.	4TH QR. 1853	1ST QR. 1854	2D QR. 1854	3D QR. 1854	TOTAL
Penitentiary,	210 82	121 28	93 38	109 31	5[illegible]
Provisions,	31 01	51 08	265 09	41 66	[illegible]
Clothing,	3 50	21 31	17 75	3 25	[illegible]
Wagon Shop,	817 36	276 80	411 25	1,152 62	[illegible]
Cabinet "	245 20	305 05	202 80	208 60	[illegible]
	$ 1,367 92	775 52	990 27	1,515 44	4,[illegible]

CASH RECEIVED AND DISBURSED.

From what sources:					
Appropriation,	5,430 50	5,350 00	5,350 00	5,350 00	21,[illegible]
Former balance,	2 43				2 43
Sales &c.	818 63	488 07	648 72	510 [illegible]	2,[illegible]
	6,251 56	5,838 07	5,998 72	5,8[illegible] 69	23,[illegible]
Disbursed,	5,959 01	5,492 06	4,367 74	4,373 59	[illegible]
			Balance on hand.		3,[illegible] 61

EXPENSE.

On what Account,					
Penitentiary Proper,	1,893 40	945 22	719 76	920 31	4,[illegible]
Factory Building,		210 25	349 6[illegible]	903 51	1,[illegible]
Provisions,	932 93	2,686 37	198 91	549 6[illegible]	4,[illegible]
Clothing,	211 82	131 50	42 01	119 15	[illegible]
Transporting Convicts,	532 52	2[illegible] 73	588 65	1,[illegible]	[illegible]
Cash to Discha'd do.	109 95	70 00	70 00	20 00	[illegible]
Escapes,			54 75	111 70	[illegible]
Employees,	1,639 59	1,269 00	1,253 59	1,21[illegible]	[illegible]
Physicians and med.	10[illegible] 77	112 46	116 1[illegible]	109 [illegible]	[illegible]
Wagon Shop,	759 16	469 10	39 61	471 [illegible]	[illegible]
Cabinet do.	361 [illegible]	78 57	75 9[illegible]	61 [illegible]	[illegible]
	6,341 02	6,251 [illegible]	3,509 69	4,679 [illegible]	[illegible]

Sales during the year.

Sales including former balances due on books,		$5,[illegible]
To cash received on account,	$2,[illegible] 1[illegible]	
To sales to creditors,	15[illegible] 6[illegible]	
To balance due on books,	1,[illegible]	
Profit and Loss,	32 65	
Total,	$5,[illegible] 62	

REPORT OF DIRECTORS FOR 1855.

To his Excellency, E. M. Pease,
Governor of the State of Texas,

The undersigned, directors of the State Penitentiary, in discharge of their official duty, beg leave to submit the following report of the condition of the institution for the last two years, ending the 30th Sept., 1855.

GOVERNMENT AND DISCIPLINE.

The government and discipline, by the present Superintendent has, in all respects challenged our approval; and we are pleased to say has not only commanded a desirable and proper subordination in the convicts, but has made the several departments of labor not only useful but profitable to the State, as will more fully appear by reference to the accompanying reports of the Superintendent and Agent, marked A. and C.

The sanitary condition of the institution has, we may say, been remarkable; not a death having occurred among the convicts during the last two years, from disease contracted while under sentence. Five deaths have occurred, it is true, during this time, but all from chronic affections with which they were afflicted when incarcerated. These facts, more than any assertion of ours, bespeak the great care and attention given to the health and comfort of the convicts. The efficiency of the Superintendent, Col. James Gillespie, not only in the discharge of his duty to the inmates, but in guarding and protecting the interest of the State, cannot be too highly appreciated. And upon this subject we would suggest that his qualifications for the office he holds would, in most of similar institutions, command a better compensation than he is now receiving.

AGENT AND CLERK.

The manner in which Gen. John S. Besser has discharged the duties of purchasing and disbursing agent, and clerk of the institution, for efficiency and a strict regard to the interest of the State we cannot recommend too highly to your favorable consideration. Under the provisions, laws and regulations, the two fold capacity in which he has acted, that of purchasing and disbursing agent, and that of clerk and book-keeper for the institution, has occupied his whole time and constant attention. In the former capacity he has heretofore been necessarily

absent from three to four months each year, during which he has always been compelled to supply his place in the latter character with a competent person. But under the late law, converting the institution into a cotton and woollen manufactory, the duties of this office have been greatly multiplied and made far more onorous. In contracting for, receiving and getting on the machinery, it has been necessary for him to make, and he has made two trips to the North, beside much other time and labor expended in that behalf—duties which we believe were not originally contemplated as incumbent on this office. For these reasons we feel it due to say that we think his salary, for the last two years, has not been adequate to the duties he has necessarily performed, and would therefore, recommend, if your Excellency and the State Legislature deem it right and proper, a reasonable extra compensation; and in view of the increasing duties and responsibilities of this office, consequent upon the successful operation of the factory, we would respectfully suggest such increase of the annual salary in future, as in your judgment, and that of the Legislature, may seem reasonable and adequate to the responsibility and valuable services to be performed.

Inasmuch as this is a State institution and particularly under the control of the Legislature, it may not be improper for us to ask that a joint committee from the two branches of your Honorable body, be appointed to visit this institution and report thereon, to the Legislature during the approaching session.

We here submit a brief abstract of the accompanying reports of the Superintendent and Agent, before referred to.

REPORT A.

1st. Contains an estimate of the amount required to complete the Penitentiary and Factory buildings, in addition to the material now on hand, as per inventory.

Say for this item proper,	$ 5,697 10	
" " Wagon Shop,	2,952 10	
" " Cabinet do.	455 75	
And for support of Penitentiary, including pay of officers, transportation of convicts, cash to discharged convicts, physicians, medicines, rations, clothing, lights and all contingencies for two years,	34,980 65	
		$44,085 00
From which deduct probable amount of sales in two years,		10,000 00

Leaves this appropriation required for the above objects for the years 1856—57,		34,085 60
For the completion of the Factory (not including the buildings) and support of the same, two years including fuel and material to commence with,		15,204 37
Also the amount advanced by the Penitentiary, to supply the deficit in the Factory appropriation, and which the Penitentiary will require in addition to the appropriation of 1855, to meet outstanding debts and ordinary expenses,		5,548 70
Say total appropriation for 1856—57,		54,838 67
Being for Penitentiary proper,	39,634 30	
" " Factory purposes,	15,204 37	
		54,838 67
2d. Inventory of sundries on hand, not included in the expense estimate,	5,636 06	
And inventory of sundries on hand deducted from original expense estimate,	4,753 06	
		10,389 12
3d. Amount of work done by convicts towards the erection and completion of Penitentiary proper, and Factory buildings, and clothing made for convicts,		38,960 55

This estimate is at rates fully 25 per cent below mechanics' prices, for like character of work.

REPORT B

Contains a tabular statement of

1st. The number of convicts received into the Penitentiary during each year it has been in operation, and the number in confinement on the 30th of September of each year. The number discharged by expiration of term of sentence, death, escape, pardon and on mandate of Supreme Court, summing up as follows:

Whole number received,		197
Discharged by expiration of term,	63	
" " death,	10	
" " escape,	11	
" " pardon,	20	
" " mandate from Supreme Court,	1	
	—	105

In prison 30th September, 1855, 82

2d. Habits, temperate or intemperate, education, marital relations, ages and terms of imprisonment, previous occupation, and character of offender, from what county sent, place of nativity, and sex.

3d. The names of those in confinement at the last annual report, and of those since received with their ages, nativity, term of imprisonment, crime, from what county sent; with the number discharged on expiration of sentence, death, escapes and pardoned, and an abstract of the grade of offence of those now in confinement—which will show the number in prison, per last report to be 69

Received to 30th September, 1855. 39

Making, 108

Discharged by expiration of sentence, 18

" " pardon, 5

" " escapes, 1

" " deaths, 2

Leaving in prison 30th September, 1855, 82

4th. Places of nativity of those now in confinement, from what counties sent, terms of sentence, and the various branches of business in which they are now engaged.

REPORT C

Embraces the report of the purchasing and disbursing agent for the last year, with a condensed abstract of the business for the last two years, and shows

1st. The gross expenses of the institution for the last year including the erection of the Factory building, and advances made on account of the cotton and woollen factory, to have been thirty-three thousand four hundred and ten dollars and thirty six cents say $33,410 36.

2d. The cash receipts from appropriation and proceeds arising from sales and former balance to have been, $27,923 7[illegible]

And the disbursements 27,784 7[illegible]

Leaving cash balance on hand of, 139 0[illegible]

3d. Showing the gross sales of the year to have been, 5,052 [illegible]

4th A balance due Penitentiary on acct. of advances made for the cotton and woollen Factory, say, 5,4[illegible]

5th. A condensed statement of the busi-

ness for the last two years, exhibiting the gross expenses, including Factory building, and advances before referred to, say,		54,184 70
Gross amount of sales,		9,701 17
Cash received with old balance,		48,126 17
Disbursements,		47,987 14
Leaving cash balance on hand, as above,		139 03
6th. Gross sales of two years, with balance due on books, 30th Sept., 1853		10,333 47
Cash received on acct. sales,	$5,245 67	
Work done for creditors, and profit and loss,	3,939 01	
		9,184 68
Leaving balance due on books,		1,148 79
7th. The profits of Wagon, Blacksmith and Cabinet shops, for the two years,		4,214 07
8th. The outstanding liabilities of Penitentiary,		2,913 91
9th. A general account current of the institution, for the last two years, exhibiting a balance in favor of the State arising from convict labor on the buildings and sales, of		8,750 68

REPORT D

Shows the action of the agent, Gen. Besser, in the purchase of machinery for the cotton and woollen Factory, to be established under the late act of the Legislature. By the advice of the Superintendent, Col. Gillaspie, and our approval, he was entrusted with this charge. The different propositions made to him, by machinists and engine builders, were submitted to us as were also his exhibits and vouchers, all of which have received our approval. His report upon this branch of duty we beg leave to refer to, in confidence that it will prove most satisfactory.

The appropriation made for the Factory, proved short of necessary disbursements $5,548 70, and by our direction the deficit was covered out of the appropriation for the Penitentiary proper, and will be needed for the current quarter, in ad-

dition to the estimates made for the next two years. And it is estimated that for the completion, and support of the Factory during the next two years, an appropriation of $15,204 37 will be required.

The building for the engine and boilers is complete, and that for the Factory nearly so. The main building is 270 feet long, by 50 wide, two stories high, with a foundation wall in the centre. The walls are two feet thick above ground, and though erected by convicts (who never laid brick until they came here) we feel confident will compare favorably with any brick work in the South. The whole building is covered with a good tin roof, with conductors to convey the water to a reservoir (yet to be built) which, in connection with wells, will supply the boilers with water. The engine is of sufficient power to drive, at least ten thousand spindles, and a mill to furnish meal, together with all suitable machinery to do necessary repairs. And the machinery is guaranteed to manufacture, with experienced hands, 1500 yards of coarse cotton, and 500 yards of coarse linseys, per day. But for the low stage of the river, the Factory would, 'ere this, have been in successful operation; but this obstacle having continued all the year, the engine and boilers still remain at the mouth of the Trinity. The cotton and woollen machinery has all been received, by land transportation from Houston, which was thought advisable for its protection, notwithstanding the increased cost of transportation. It arrived in a usual state of preservation, and is now being put up by the machinist under contract for the purpose. As soon as the engine and boilers can be got up the Trinity, the Factory will be ready for operation.

On adopting the Factory system it became necessary to discontinue work on the Penitentiary, and commence the building for the Factory, by reason of which, there remains unfinished a part of the former as per plan. But it will be seen by the report of the Superintendent, that but little remains to be done, and which will not interfere with the operations of the Factory as some time will be required to break in the operatives to a proper knowledge of their respective duties.

The Wagon and Cabinet shops can still be continued, and leave ample force to run the machinery, both of which yield a handsome return for the labor. The Blacksmith shop, as an adjunct of the Factory, must of necessity be continued.

Under the present law it is indispensable to furnish an annual report *itemised*, which we would suggest as unnecessary, inasmuch as the sessions of the Legislature are biennial. A report to meet each session would seem sufficient, unless oftener

quired by the Executive, and then let the directors certify to an abstract of the items, expenses and sales, sufficiently comprehensive to embrace all useful information as to the practical workings of the institution.

Again, the law at present allows only one fourth of the annual appropriation to be drawn at a time by the agent. As it would lessen by one half, the cost of transportation of funds from the Seat of Government, we would further suggest that he be allowed to draw one half at a time, and increase the bond of that officer, to an amount sufficient to secure the State from probable loss.

The present situation of the Penitentiary and its enclosures, will not admit the erecting of such a building as will be needed for a storehouse and wareroom, for storing goods and securing the materials. There are three lots immediately in front of the main building, well situated for this purpose, and for a garden for the inmates, which we think might be by them cultivated to the use and good health of the convicts. These lots contain, in the aggregate about one acre, and we think could be procured, if so ordered by law. We would therefore recommend the purchase of these lots, and the erection of a suitable building for these purposes, which can be done by the convict labor, and at little cost to the State.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. CARROLL SMITH, }
WM. M. BARRETT, } Directors.

HUNTSVILLE, October, 1855.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT, FOR 1855.

To the Hon. Board of Directors Texas State Penitentiary:

In pursuance of law, I herewith submit an estimate of the probable amount that will be required to complete the Penitentiary on the present plan, together with factory building.

200,000 brick made and laid by convicts			
100 cords wood	@	$1 50 per cd	$150 00
100 bbls lime	@	5 00 per bbl.	500 00
5,000 feet hewn lumber	@	6 00 per M	300 00
45,000 " sawed "	@	1 75 per M	787 50
30 kegs nails	@	7 00 per keg	210 00
12 boxes glass	@	4 00 per box	48 00
150 lbs putty	@	8 per lb	12 00
400 " white lead	@	11 per lb	44 00
120 galls oil	@	1.25 per gal	150 00
17,640 lbs iron for cell doors	@	6 per lb	1,058 40
132 fastenings for cell doors	@	1 50 each	198 00
60 boxes tin for roofing and conductors	@	13 50 per box	810 00
316 lbs block tin	@	30 per lb	94 80
450 " lead	@	10 per lb	45 00
100 squares roofing	@	3 50 per sq.	350 00
Font heads and conductors			35 00
1 bbl (400 lbs) Blake's paint	@	5 per lb	20 00
			$4,812 70

FOR FACTORY BUILDING.

57,000 feet plank	@	$1 75 per M	$997 50
1 bbl (400 lbs) Blake's paint	@	5 per lb	20 00
60 galls oil	@	1 25 per gal	75 00
Contingent			500 00
Teamster at $252 00 per annum			504 00
600 bushels corn	@	1 00 per bush	600 00
			$2,696 50
Penitentiary proper, brought down			4,812 70
Amount			$7,509 20
Contra by sundries on hand			1,812 10
			$5,697 10

ESTIMATE OF AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR WAGON SHOP TWO YEARS.

Lumber for 80 wagons	@ $10 00 per ea	$800 00
30,600 lbs iron	@ 7 per lb	2,142 00
80 sets wagon boxes	@ 2 50 per set	200 00
4,000 bushels coal	@ 8 per bush	320 00
Tires for it and blacksmith shop		200 00
		$3,662 00
By sundries on hand		709 90
		$2,952 10

ESTIMATE FOR CABINET SHOP.

For lumber, tools, and sundries,	$600 00
By sundries on hand	144 25
	$455 75

ESTIMATE OF ORDINARY EXPENSES OF INSTITUTION.

For Superintendent	two years		$2,400 00
Directors	"		600 00
Physicians	"		800 00
Medicines	"		300 00
Agent	"		1,800 00
Guard	"		11,160 00
Rations	"		11,994 96
Clothing	"		2,200 00
Discharged convicts	"		500 00
Transportation "	"		4,000 00
Lamp oil—250 galls oil		@ $1 25 per gal	312 50
Contingent			1,000 00
			$37,067 46
By sundries on hand			2,086 81
			$34,980 65

FOR COTTON AND WOOLLEN FACTORY.

By reference to the accompanying report of the agent of the Penitentiary, who went North last year under our joint advice, for the purpose of contracting for machinery and engine, for establishing a manufactory for cotton and woollen fabrics, it will be seen that he has already expended the sum of $5,446–31 over the amount appropriated for that purpose, with a present liability of $102 37—gross amount $5,548 70. The first amount having been advanced by him, under our advice, from Penitentiary appropriation.

That for the transportation of the engine, boilers, &c., to Huntsville, it will require the further sum of $1,834 37.

That for putting up of engine and machinery, the further sum of $970 00—for the pay of Superintendent, Overseers and Engineer for one year, the sum of $6,200 00—without any estimate for fuel, and material to commence with.

All of which shows the amount requisite for the factory to be as follows:

For transportation &c., of engine, &c.	$1,83374
setting up same machinery	90 700
pay of employees for 1 year, and repairs	6,200 00
amount due Penitentiary per advances,	5,548 70
Amount required one year	$14,553 07
For employees 2d year	5,200
For two years	$19,753 07
From which should be deducted the amount advanced from Penitentiary appropriation of $5,548 70, which she will require to meet her current expenses for the 4th quarter, 1855	5,548 70
Appropriation required for factory	$14,204 37

Recapitulation of estimates for the support of institution for the years 1856–7.

For Penitentiary and Factory buildings	$7,509 20	
Less sundries on hand	1,812 10	$5,697 10
" Wagon shop	$3,662 00	
Less sundries on hand	709 00	9,252 10
" Cabinet shop	$600 00	
Less sundries on hand	144 25	455 75
" Ordinary expenses of institution	$37,067 46	
Less sundries on hand	2,086 81	34,980 65
		$44,085 60
Also probable amount of sales		10,000 00
Amount required for 1856–7		$34,085 60

ON ACCOUNT OF FACTORY.

For balance on transportation of engine &c	$1,834 37

" Setting up engine and machinery	970 00	
" Salaries of Employees	10,400 00	
" Contingent repairs	1,000 00	$14,204 37
" Amount advanced &c., from Penitentiary appropriation,		5,548 70
Amount required		$53,838 67

Inventory of sundries on hand, not credited to expense account.

On Penitentiary account	$3,266 66
" Wagon and blacksmith account	2,172 25
" Cabinet "	197 15
	$5,636 06

INVENTORY OF SUNDRIES CREDITED IN EXPENSE ESTIMATE.

On penitentiary and Factory building account

By 40,000 feet sawed plank	@ $1 75 per M	$700 00
" 10,830 lbs iron	@ 7 00 per lb	758 10
" 75 lbs block tin	@ 30 per lb	22 50
" 20 kegs nails	@ 7 00 per keg	140 00
" 10 boxes glass	@ 3 50 per box	35 00
" 250 lbs French zinc	@ 11 per lb	27 50
" 50 lbs putty	@ 8 per lb	4 00
" 100 galls linseed oil	@ 1 25 per gal	125 00
		$1,812 10

On wagon and blacksmith shop account

By 625 fellows	@ $ 4 ea.	$25 00
" 1,813 spokes	@ 2 ea.	36 26
" 700 feet timber for houns	@ 2 per foot	14 00
" 60 Axles	@ 50 ea.	30 00
" 46 Bolsters	@ 25 ea.	11 50
" 6,942 lbs iron	@ 7 per lb	485 94
" 500 bushels coal	@ 8 per b.	40 00
" 390 lbs sheet iron	@ 8 per lb	31 20
" 16 sets wagon boxes	@ 2 25 per set	36 00
		$709 90

ON CABINET SHOP ACCOUNT.

By 11 Bedsteads	$62 00
" 2 Tables	5 00
" 10 Bed steads	40 00
" 4 sets posts	8 00
" 2 Wash stands	4 00

" 1 ward robe		14 00
" 1 crib		6 00
" 300 feet plank &c.		5 25
		$144 25

ON ACCOUNT OF ORDINARY EXPENSES.

Clothing

By 54 pairs blankets	@ $3 00 per doz	$162 00		
" 110 yards cottonade	@ 23 per yd	25 30		
" 72 hickory shirts	@ 60 ea.	43 20		
" 52 pair summer pants	@ 90 per pr	46 80		
" 7½ dozen hats	@ 5 50 per doz	41 50		
" 41 pairs socks	@ 30 per pr	12 30		
" 312 lbs sole leather	@ 30 per lb.	93 60		
" 3 calf skins	@ 3 50 ea.	10 50		
" 4 sides upper leather	@ 3 00 ea.	12 00		
" 2 deer skins	@ 75 ea.	1 50		$448 70

Provisions

By 8,000 lbs bacon	@ $ 12 per lb	$960 00	
" 11 barrels molasses	@ 12 00 per bl	132 00	
" 5 " sugar	@ 16 10 per bl	80 50	
" 4 sacks coffee	@ 22 40 per sk.	89 00	
" 7 boxes tobacco	@ 20 00 per box	140 00	
" 3 " soap	@ 5 67 per box	17 10	
" 3 sacks salt	@ 4 00 per sk.	12 60	
" 5 barrels beans	@ 9 00 per bl	45 00	
" 2 " flour	@ 12 00 per bl	24 00	
" 120 bushels corn	@ 75 per bush	90 00	1588 11
			$2,036 81
" 40 gallons oil	@ 1 25 per gal		50 00
			$2,086 81

REPORT OF CONVICT LABOR DONE ON PENITENTIARY TOWARDS ITS COMPLETION.

For completion of West exterior wall		
224,000 brick made and laid	@ $10 00 per M	$2,240 00
" completion of South exterior wall		
500,000 brick made and laid	@ 10 00 per M	5,000 00
" Blacksmith shop		
60,000 brick made and laid	@ 10 00 per M	600 00
" Extension of block No. 2		
321,392 brick made and laid	@ 10 00 per M	3,213 92

"	Work on female block of cells 127,000 brick made and laid	@ 10 00 per M	1,270 00
"	Work on wash and work rooms 120,000 brick made and laid	@ 10 00 per M	1,200 00
"	Building & connecting large cistern		150 00
"	" two forges in blacksmith shop		20 00
"	" two sewers, with 12 grates		138 00
"	676 loads sand	@ 50 per ld.	338 00
"	Framing 99 squares, sleepers and joists for Supt's. house	@ 1 00 per sq.	99 00
"	Laying 64 squares flooring	@ 4 00 per sq.	256 00
"	Casing, 18 windows	@ 6 00 ea.	108 00
"	16 pannel doors, cased, hung and fastenings	@ 12 00 ea.	192 00
"	3 pair stairs—2 pair 40 and 1 pair $25		105 00
"	2 closet doors, cased, hung &c.	@ 10 00 ea.	20 00
	54½ squares of ceiling	@ 4 00 per sq	218 00
	900 feet base board	@ 1 00	112 00
	8 chimney pieces	@ 10 00 ea.	80 00
"	12 rooms, side walls plastered		400 00
"	12 " painted	@ 10 00 ea.	120 00
"	27½ sqs. framing, roofers	@ 2 00 per sq.	55 00
"	27½ " sheeting for t. roof	@ 2 00 per sq.	55 00
"	Cutting 1200 cords wood	@ 1 00 per cd.	1,200 00
"	250 days work gradi'g yard	@ 50 per d.	125 00
"	restalling 21 cell doors	@ 4 00 ea.	84 00
"	80 squares, painting roofs—block 1	@ 1 00 per sq.	80 00
"	1 iron shutter (300 lbs) south wall	@ 15 per lb	45 00
"	digging and walling well		200 00
"	building corn crib		20 00
"	labor in making coal kilns, and burning 4,500 bushels	@ 4 per b.	180 00
"	96 squares framing joists and rafters, block No. 2	@ 2 00 per sq.	192 00
"	48 sqs. sheeting, block 2	@ 2 00 per sq.	96 00
"	26 " laying floor, "	@ 4 00 per sq.	104 00
"	30 framing joists, in extension, block 2	@ 1 50 ea.	45 00
"	26 cell doors of iron	@ 10 00 ea.	260 00
"	1 large iron door for main entrance, 1,500 lbs	@ 10 per lb	150 00
"	2 iron shutters interior wall		

500 lbs	@	10 per lb	50 00
" painting 75 squares roof block 2 & superintendent's house	@	1 00 per sq.	75 00
" 48 cell frames and sets	@	5 00 ea.	240 00
" 1,056 lbs worked in cell frames	@	18	190 08
" 20 wind'w frames, ir'n bars f'r outer West wall	@	10 00 ea.	200 00
" 20 frames made and set in female block	@	5 00 ea.	100 00
" 440 lbs iron worked in same, female block	@	18 per lb	75 20
" 3 window frames latticed with iron, female block	@	10 00 ea.	30 00
" 3 window frames and 2 doors	@	5 00 ea.	25 00
For blacksmith shop			
20 squares framing roof and sheeting	@	1 50 per sq.	30 00
3 window frames made and set	@	4 00 ea.	12 00
			$19,798 70
For erection of Factory building			
1,000,000 brick made and laid	@	10 00 per M	$10,000 00
138,000 " " " " engine and boiler house	@	10 per M	1,380 00
40,000 brick made and laid in engine chimney	@	10 per M	1,400 00
53,000 brick made and laid in cement factory floor	@	15 per M	795 00
665 loads sand	@	50 per ld.	332 50
135 squares framing and raising joists 1st story	@	5 00 per sq.	675 00
15,657 feet lumber 2 tier joists and columns	@	2 00 per ft.	313 14
135 squares framing same	@	5 00 per sq.	675 00
140 " roof	@	3 00 per sq.	420 00
140 " sheeting	@	2 00 par sq.	280 00
125 window frames made and set	@	5 00 ea.	625 00
3,828 lights of sash made, glazed, and primed	@	17 ea.	650 76
2,216 lbs iron worked in braces and bolts	@	18 per lb	378 88

3 doors and 3 windows made and set in engine and boiler house	a	5 00 ea.	30 00
33 squares framing joists and rafters in engine and boiler house	a	2 00 per sq.	66 00
16½ sqs sheeti'g engine and boiler house	a	2 00 per sq.	33 00
106 lbs iron made into supports conductors	a	20 per lb	21 20
16 sqs joists, rafters, and sheeting in entrance room	a	2 00 per sq.	32 00
116½ sqs sleepers lower and main factory room	a	1 00 per sq.	116 00
116½ sqs flooring lower and main factory room	a	4 00 per sq.	466 00
200 days' work filling in floor	a	50 per d.	100 00
			$18,789 98
For making 480 pairs shoes	a	50 per pr	240 00
93 shirts	a	25 ea.	23 25
360 pair pants	a	25 per pr.	90 00
62 round jackets	a	30 ea.	18 60
			$371 85

RECAPITULATION OF CONVICT WORK PER SUNDRIES.

For erection and completion Penitentiary proper	$19,798 70	
For erection and completion factory building	18,789 98	
For sundries on account of clothing	371 85	$38,960 5

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES GILLASPIE,
Superintendent Texas Penitentiary.

HUNTSVILLE, Oct. 1st, 1855.

HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS,
October 13th, 1855,

Col. James Gillaspie, Sup't Texas State Penitentiary:

SIR:—In pursuance of an Act of the Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled an "Act to provide for the establishment of Cotton and Woollen Factories in the Penitentiary," approved Feb'y 11th, 1854, and under the direction of the Board of Directors and your instructions of the 13th April, 1854, I left Huntsville on the 16th of same month for the purpose of purchasing the requisite cotton and woollen machinery, engine, &c., and after as thorough and complete examination as my abilities would admit, as to amount and character of machinery and reputation of workmen in that branch of business, from the State of Maryland to the interior of Maine, I finally contracted with the Dean Cotton and Machine Company, located in Taunton, Massachusetts, for the entire cotton machinery. All looms, shafting, hangers, pullies, and the larger part of findings, including an engine and hand lathe, Messrs Davis & Furber, of North Andover, (near Lawrence,) Massachusetts, furnished the woollen machinery. With the Boston Engine Company, located at East Boston, I contracted for a vertical beam engine, of at least 80 horse power, having a cylinder 20 inches in diameter, with four 48 inch boilers, 26 feet 6 inces long and two 16 inch flues in each.

There putation of the three several houses stands unsurpassed by any houses in their several branches at the North, for fineness of execution or durability. All of which machinery, &c., was to be delivered in Boston on such a day in December, 1854, as I or my agent might designate. At which time, under your advice, I again returned to Boston, and had the most of it shipped for Galveston on the bark Trinity, by the 23d of said month—first, having the same insured to Huntsville. It all arrived in due season for the Trinity navigation, which was then up, and had the same transferred from the ship to the steamer Jack Hays. The river having in the meantime fallen; subsequently under advice, I had all (but the engine and fixtures,) sent round to Houston and thence by wagons to this place.

Had we been favored with the usual facilities of river navigation, I am confident we could have had the "Factory" long since in operation; but the extreme weight of some parts of the engine forbade any attempt to have it brought from Houston by land. It now lies inside the mouth of the river, waiting

for the opening of river navigation. My contracts with the respective parties, and vouchers for the disbursement of the monies appropriated for the foregoing purposes, are now on file, and referred to for your examination and approval—by which you will perceive that the amount of purchases, costs, charges, &c., exceed the amount appropriated five thousand five hundred and forty-eight 70-100 ($5,548 70) dollars, the greater part of which I have under your and the Directors sanction, advanced from the amount appropriated for the support of the Penitentiary; the balance also will have to be met from the same source. Necessity left no other alternative; and I thought it better to pursue that course than to leave the machinery at Galveston under charge of storage, and the influence of a saline atmosphere and liable to serious damage. All of which I hope will meet with the approval of the Executive and Hon. Legislature.

Under ordinary circumstances, the appropriation would have been sufficient, but when at the North I found material and labor at an advance of at least 50 per cent, then again the difficulties that has to be met in prosecuting the matter thus far, has resulted in a heavy advance on ordinary transportation.

Under instruction, I procured the services of a Superintendent in both branches at $1,000 per annum; also, overseers for the different branches. An estimate of the probable amount that may be needed to complete the transportation, pay off workmen, &c., is herewith submitted. Also an abstract of the various items of expense already incurred, which will in examination of the original vouchers on file, I trust be found correct. Respectfully, yours, &c.,

JOHN S. BESSER,
Agent Penitentiary.

ABSTRACT OF MACHINERY, ENGINE AND FINDINGS, PURCHASED BY JOHN S. BESSER, AGENT TEXAS STATE PENITENTIARY.

From the Dean Cotton and Machine Co., Taunton, Mass.:

40 looms, 37 inches; 9 frames of 128 spindles each, 1–36; 3 beater pickers, 12–36; cards, with fixtures complete,	$12,088 00	
31,497 lbs shafting, hangers, &c.,	3,149 70	
Boxing, strapping, &c.,	1,056 85	
		$16,294 55
For findings entire, including engine and hand lathe,		3,515 87

From Davis & Furber, North Andover, Mass.:

1 Jack of 200 spindles, 1 set 40 inch

cards, grinding frame, gauge, lathe, &c., &c., boxed and delivered in Boston,		1,847 85
From Boston Engine Company:		
One steam engine, boiler and fixtures		8,500 00
Foundation rocks, &c.,		135 88
Main shaft, hangers, boxes, main pully, &c.,		315 76
From Edward Page, Lawrence, Massachusetts:		
Main belt and intermediate beltings, 2,943 feet,		993 52
From Butler, Keith & Hill Boston:		
Hardware findings,		100 24
From Curtis, Bower & Co.:		
Fire brick and clay,		64 00
From Pierce & Bacon:		
One bbl sperm oil,		80 10
From Farrar & Tollets:		
11 boxes tin for cans,		160 75
Purchases,		$32,008 52
CHARGES.		
From Taunton to Boston—transportation by railroad,	251 47	
Cartage at Boston,	5 23	$256 70
Insurance from Boston via Galveston to Huntsville,		1,386 17
Freights to Galveston,		1,438 91
Charges at Galveston,		510 09
Freights from Galveston to Houston,		1,139 26
Charges at Houston,		329 34
Hauling to Huntsville, 193,304 lbs.,		1,810 01
Lighterage of 3 boilers and 2 foundation rocks inside bar of Trinity river		350 00
Boston Engine Company—For Engineer to set up engine,		395 05
For stationery,	$6 00	
For contingent, per sundries,	6 88	12 88
Expense account of Agent—Two several trips to the North, to contract and receive: one to Austin for funds; one to the Trinity river, to see to freight, and one to Houston to receive and examine machinery,		911 79
Freights, costs and charges to date,		8,540 20
Purchases,		32,008 52
		$40,548 72

RECAPITULATION.

Purchases,	Cotton and Woollen machinery,	$18,142 40	
	Findings,	4,850 48	
	Engine, boilers, &c.,	8,500 00	
	Findings, &c.,	515 64	$32,008 52
Charges,	Boston,	256 70	
	Insurance,	1,386 17	1,642 87
Freights,	Freights to Galveston,	1,438 91	
	" " Houston,	1,139 26	
	" " Huntsville,	1,810 01	
	" over Trinity bar,	350 00	4,738 18
Charges,	Charges at Galveston,	510 09	
	" " Houston,	329 34	839 43
Contingent,	Engine builder,	395 05	
	Stationery, &c.,	12 88	
	Expenses acting Agent,	911 77	1,319 70
			$40,548 70
By appropriation,			35,000 00
Balance of excess			$5,548 70

The undersigned would also submit the following estimate of the amount that will be needed to pay additional freights and charges—workmen to set up the Engine and machinery—and the salaries of one Superintendent and four overseers for one year—and necessary repairs, to-wit:

For delivery of engine, boilers, fixtures and foundation rocks, at Huntsville, on Trinity river,		$ 1,249 37
Charges for receiving and forwarding,		150 00
Hauling to Huntsville,		435 00
		$ 1,834 37
For workmen, one hand to set up engine (aided by convict labor) and trav'g expenses as per contract, say	$450 00	
One hand to set up machinery (aided by convict labor) and traveling expenses as per contract, say,	520 00	$ 970 00

For one Engine, per annum,	$1,000 00	
" Superintendant, per contract	1,000 00	
For 4 overseers, *a* $800 per annum,	3,200 00	
Contingent repairs,	1,000 00	$6,200 00
		$ 9,004 37
To refund Penitentiary—Deficit above brought down,		5,548 70
Probable am't required		14,553 07

The above estimate is predicated mainly on contracts now made under yo r authority, and provides but for one year's salary for employees. When it is but reasonable to suppose, that the operatives, unskilled in the business, will require time to work to profit, two years may elapse before the Factory could sustain itself. If so, an additional appropriation of $5,-200 00 may be required, particularly as no provision is made in the above for the purchase of material or fuel, which cannot be placed at less than $1,000.

The undersigned, Superintendent and Directors of the Texas Penitentiary do hereby certify that we have examined and compared the foregoing statement of purchases made by John S Besser, on account of Cotton and Woollen Factories, Engine, &c., with the original contracts, together with his vouchers on file in the office, on account of disbursements made, and find the same correct, as set forth in the preceding exhibit.

Witness our hands at Huntsville, this the 23d day of October, 1855. JAMES GILLASPIE, Superintendent,

WM. M. BARRETT, } Directors.
J. CARROLL SMITH, }

TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE WHOLE NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS, NUMBER IN PRISON, DISCHARGES, DEATHS, ESCAPES, PARDONED, OR ON MANDATE OF SUPREME COURT, *ON THE THIRTIETH OF SEPTEMBER OF EACH YEAR:*

YEAR.	Committed,	In prison....	Discharged	Deaths.....	Escapes,.....	Pardoned....	Mandate Supreme Court.
1850	11	9				2	
1851	27	28	3	1	2	2	
1852	43	50	8	4	8	1	
1853	31	64	13	0	0	4	
1854	36	69	21	3	0	6	1
1855	39	82	18	2	1	5	
	187		63	10	11	20	1

HABITS.

Temperate,	123	Intemperate,	64

EDUCATION.

Good,	14	Read,	35
Read and Write,	77	None,	61
			187

MARITAL RELATIONS.

Married,	71	Single,	113
Widowers,	3		
			187

AGES.

Under 20 years,	16
20 years to 30 years,	99
30 years to 40 years,	45
40 years to 50 years,	23
50 years to 60 years,	3
60 years to 70 years,	1
	187

TERMS OF SENTENCES.

1 for 21 years; 3 for 15 years; 1 for 12 years; 7 for 10 years; 1 for 9 years; 1 for 8 years; 14 for 7 years; 27 for 5 do. 1 for 4 do. 6 months; 12 for 4 years; 1 for 3 years 8 months; 1 for 3 years 6 months; 25 for 3 do.; 1 for 2 do. 10 months; 1 for 2 do. 8 months; 2 for 2 do. 6 months; 1 for 2 years 3 months; 25 for 2 years; 3 for 1 year 6 months; 1 for 1 year 4 months; 63 for 1 year. Total—192.

OCCUPATIONS.

None, 120; Shoemakers, 8; Carpenters, 12; Blacksmiths, 6; Sailors, 5; Farmers, 4; Tailors, 3; Soldiers, 3; Saddlers, 2; Bakers, 2; Printers, 2; Gardners, 2; Teamster, 1; Cooks, 1; Gunsmith, 1; Physicians, 1; Stone Cutters, 1; Saddle tree maker, 1; Wheelwright, 1; Schoolmaster, 1; Lawyer, 1; Tallow Chandler, 1; Machinist, 1; Coppersmith, 1; Tavern Keeper, 1; Painter, 1; Turner in brass, 1; Brush maker, 1; Barber, 1; Tinner, 1. Total—187.

CHARACTER OF CRIME.

Murder in 2d degree, 19; Manslaughter, 11; Assault with intent to kill, 23; Larceny, 52; Grand Larceny, 13; Horse Stealing, 31; Burglary, 6; Robbery, 2; Stealing, 2; Stealing cattle, 3; Negro stealing, 7; Forgery, 4; Arson, 1; Assault to commit rape, 2; Rape, 2; Receiving stolen goods, 1; Perjury, 1; Infanticide, 1; Not stated, 11. Total—192.

The discrepancy between offences and number of commitments, arises from double convictions in five cases.

FROM WHAT COUNTIES SENT.

Anderson, 1; Austin, 2; Bastrop, 1; Brazoria, 5; Bexar, 33; Burleson, 1; Cameron, 28; Cherokee, 3; Caldwell, 1; Cass, 1; Calhoun, 1: Dallas, 2; DeWitt, 1; Fayette, 5; Fort Bend, 2; Galveston, 12; Grimes, 1; Guadalupe, 1; Gonzales, 1; Goliad, 1; Houston, 5; Harris, 8; Harrison, 2; Henderson, 1; Hopkins, 2; Jefferson, 2; Jasper, 2; Lavaca, 1; Leon, 2; Limestone, 1; Liberty, 5; Medina, 1; Matagorda, 1; Montgomery, 1; Madison, 1; Milam, 1; Neuces, 5; Nacogdoches, 2; Panola, 1; Red River, 3; Rusk, 1; Shelby, 1; Starr, 4; San Patricio, 1; San Augustine, 1; Tarrant, 2; Titus, 1; Travis, 5; Tyler, 1; Upshur, 2; Victoria, 3; Washington, 3; Walker, 3; Williamson, 3; Wharton, 5; Wood, 1. Total—187.

STATES OR COUNTRIES OF WHICH THEY ARE NATIVES.

New York, 19; Tennessee, 13; Georgia, 8; Kentucky, 8; Texas, 8; North Carolina, 7; Mississippi, 7; Alabama, 5; Virginia, 5; Louisiana, 4; Maryland, 4; Pennsylvania, 3; Ohio, 2; Vermont, 2; New Jersey, 1; Florida, 1; New Hampshire, 1; Missouri, 1; South Carolina, 1; Connecticut, 1; Arkansas, 1; District of Columbia, 1. Natives—103.

Mexico, 45; Ireland, 14: Germany, 6; France, 4; England, 4; Scotland, 2; Hungary, 2; Prussia, 3; Canada, 1; Denmark, 1; Italy, 1; Africa, 1. Foreigners—84.

Of the above there has been—

Whites,	Males,	132	
	Females,	1	—133
Mexicans,	Males,	52	
Negroes,	do.	2	– 54-187

RECAPITULATION OF SALES, &C., FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1855

	4th QUARTER 1854.		1st QUARTER. 1855.		2d QUARTER. 1855		3d QUARTER. 1855		TOTAL	
Penitentiary,	45	74	118	65	81	61	105	96	6[illegible]	8
Provisions,	62	80	97	95	77	13	76	58	7[illegible]	[illegible]
Clothing,	9	25	6	13	44	22	108	59	1[illegible]	19
Wagon Shop,	1,331	12	281	92	890	07	410	23	2,[illegible]	24
Cabinet Shop.	245	57	349	70	240	75	167	75	1,0[illegible]	7
	$ 1,694	07	854	25	1,334	68	1,169	02	5,[illegible]	[illegible]

RECAPITULATION OF EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF PENITENTIARY FOR YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 1855, INCLUDING FACTORY BUILDING AND ADVANCEMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF FACTORY, TO MEET DEFICIT, IN APPROPRIATION.

	4th QR 1854.		1st QR. 1855		2d QR. 1855.		3d QR. 1855.		TOTAL.	
Penitentiary,	326	04	1,447	12	856	96	717	69	3,347	81
Factory building,	3,830	16	1,395	83	2,315	28	1,124	43	8,665	20
Provisions,	694	62	1,515	89	3,022	57	412	15	5,645	23
Clothing,	698	88	290	90	55	63	238	10	1,278	53
Transportation of Convicts,	751	76	202	44	492	44	52	41	1,499	01
Cash to discharged Convicts,	50	00	20	00	52	58	88	75	211	35
Escapes,	....	..	....	.	....	..	136	00	136	03
Directors and Guard,	1,282	54	1,407	01	1,845	66	1,395	45	5,430	60
Physicians and Medicines,	123	93	115	50	137	66	130	33	507	46
Wagon Shop,	201	41	453	33	195	57	149	21	999	58
Cabinet Shop,	61	95	77	19	58	97	45	15	243	22
Factory deficit,			685	31	1,316	74	3,444	26	5,446	81
	$8,016	29	7,610	08	9,850	06	7,933	93	33,410	26

RECAPITULATION OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS SAME PERIOD.

CASH RECEIVED.	4th QR. 1854.		1st QR. 1855		2d QR. 1855		3d QR. 1855.		TOTAL.	
From appropriation,	5,350	00	5,350	00	5,350	00	5,350	00	21,400	00
Balance on hand, Oct. 1st, 1854.	3,746	64	. .	.	. .	.	...	.	3,746	64
Sales, &c.,	991	52	657	41	256	72	871	48	2,777	13
	10,088	16	6,007	41	5,606	72	6,221	48	27,923	77
CASH DISBURSED.	6,730	22	10,195	57	4,396	29	6,462	66	27,784	74
Cash balance,									$139	03

In the cash account for the first three quarters in this year there has been expended on account of the Factory, (machinery, engine, transportation and charges,) out of the Penitentiary appropriation, and since the Factory appropriation has been exhausted, the sum of five thousand four hundred and forty-six and 31-100 ($5,446 31) dollars, to-wit:

In 1st quarter, 1855,	$ 685 31		
In 2d " "	1,316 74		
In 3d " "	3,444 26		$5,446 31
Recapitulation of sales to Sept. 30, 1855,		$5,052 02	
Balance due from previous sales, Oct. 1st, 1854,		1,239 57	
Contra.		$6,291 59	
By cash received during last year,	$2,777 13		
By amount done for creditors,	2,365 67	5,142 80	
Balance due on books,		1,148 79	

Debts due and unpaid by Penitentiary:

Oct 1st, Penitentiary proper $2,811 52; Factory, 102 39——2,913 91.

The Cotton and Woolen Factory owes Penitentiary

To cash advanced per exhibit,	$5,446 31
" balances due charged to Penitentiary,	102 39
Amount due Penitentiary,	$5,548 70

The undersigned, Superintendent and Directors of the Texas State Penitentiary, having carefully examined and compared the foregoing transcript (of which the foregoing is a correct abstract,) with the books of the clerk and agent, and vouchers on file, find the same correct. To which we certify by signature, this 23d day of October, A. D. 1855.

JAMES GILLASPIE, Superintendent.

J. CARROLL SMITH, WM. M. BARRETT, } Directors

RECAPITULATION OF THE EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF PENITENTIARY IN ITS VARIOUS BRANCHES, INCLUDING THE ERECTION OF FACTORY BUILDING [NOT INCLUDED IN APPROPRIATION] AND ADVANCEMENTS MADE FOR THE COTTON AND WOOLLEN FACTORY, TO MELT DEFICIENCIES IN APPROPRIATION:

For two Years ending Sept. 30, 1853.	4th Quarter. 1853	1st Quarter. 1854	2d Quarter. 1854	3d Quarter. 1854	4th Quarter. 1854	1st Quarter. 1855	2d Quarter. 1855	3d Quarter. 1855	TOTAL.
Penitentiary proper,	1,[illegible]	615 [illegible]	716 76	[illegible] 01	820 01	1,447 12	803 [illegible]	717 [illegible]	7,827 18
Factory building,	[illegible]	210 [illegible]	243 [illegible]	[illegible] 51	8,[illegible] 16	1,[illegible] [illegible]	2,015 [illegible]	1,104 40	18,[illegible] 64
Provisions,	[illegible]	2,[illegible] 87	103 01	543 [illegible]	641 [illegible]	1,815 [illegible]	2,022 [illegible]	410 15	10,013 19
Clothing,	211 [illegible]	201 [illegible]	42 01	110 15	[illegible]	[illegible]	45 [illegible]	225 10	1,782 80
Transportation of Convicts,	[illegible] 52	[illegible]	5[illegible] 65	155 [illegible]	771 76	[illegible] 24	4[illegible] 44	[illegible] 41	8,[illegible] 10
Cash to discharged Convicts,	[illegible]	70 [illegible]	7[illegible]	[illegible]	60 [illegible]	29 [illegible]	82 [illegible]	85 [illegible]	481 [illegible]
Expenses,	.....	.....	54 [illegible]	111 [illegible]	.....	.....	.....	[illegible]	[illegible] 45
Employees,	1,[illegible] [illegible]	1,[illegible] [illegible]	1,[illegible] [illegible]	1,[illegible] [illegible]	1,[illegible] [illegible]	1,[illegible] [illegible]	1,[illegible] [illegible]	1,[illegible] 45	19,[illegible] [illegible]
Physicians and medicines,	105 [illegible]	112 [illegible]	110 [illegible]	109 [illegible]	115 [illegible]	115 [illegible]	107 [illegible]	109 [illegible]	[illegible] 85
Wagon Shop,	729 16	4[illegible] 10	[illegible] 61	271 [illegible]	[illegible] 41	4[illegible] [illegible]	105 [illegible]	120 21	2,729 [illegible]
Cabinet Shop,	104 [illegible]	75 [illegible]	75 [illegible]	[illegible] 41	[illegible] 15	77 10	58 [illegible]	45 15	[illegible] 99
Factory deficit,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	[illegible] 01	1,[illegible] 74	2,444 [illegible]	5,448 81
	$ [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4,[illegible] [illegible]	[illegible]	7,[illegible] [illegible]	[illegible]	7,[illegible] [illegible]	51,184 70
RECAPITULATION OF EARNINGS FOR SAME PERIOD.									
Penitentiary,	[illegible]	1[illegible] [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	45 74	118 55	81 [illegible]	4[illegible] [illegible]	1,216 [illegible]
Provisions,	[illegible]	51 [illegible]	[illegible]	41 [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	77 10	76 55	762 [illegible]
Clothing,	[illegible]	21 01	16 75	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	44 22	1[illegible] 50	[illegible] 01
Wagon Shop,	8[illegible] [illegible]	9[illegible] 89	471 [illegible]	1,[illegible] [illegible]	1,[illegible] 12	[illegible]	8[illegible] [illegible]	4[illegible] [illegible]	5,[illegible] [illegible]
Cabinet shop,	245 [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	107 [illegible]	1,[illegible] 42
	$ [illegible] 02	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,[illegible] 44	1,[illegible] [illegible]	[illegible]	1,[illegible] [illegible]	1,[illegible] [illegible]	9,[illegible] 17
RECAPITULATION OF CASH RECEIVED AND DISBURSED SAME PERIOD.									
RECEIVED.									
From Appropriation,	[illegible] 50	5,[illegible] [illegible]	5,[illegible] 00	[illegible] 00	5,[illegible] 00	5,[illegible] 00	5,[illegible] 00	5,[illegible] 00	42,[illegible] 50
Bal. on hand Oct. 1st, '[illegible],	[illegible] 43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 43
Sales, &c.,	818 [illegible]	455 07	618 [illegible]	[illegible] 69	591 [illegible]	[illegible] 41	[illegible] 72	811 45	[illegible] 34
	[illegible] 56	[illegible] 07	[illegible] 72	[illegible] 69	[illegible] 22	[illegible] 41	5,[illegible] 72	[illegible] 48	48,126 17
DISBURSED	$ [illegible] 01	[illegible]	[illegible] 72	[illegible] 59	[illegible] 22	[illegible] 57	4,[illegible] 59	[illegible] 68	47,[illegible] 14
Oct. 1st, '56, Balance on hand									$ [illegible] 06

ACCOUNT OF SALES &c., FOR SAME TIME.

Oct. 1, '53, to am't of bal'a due on books inclusive of bal. on hand of $ 2 43—$669 30			
" '54, " sales during the year,		4,619 15	
" '55, " " " "		5,059 02—$10,333 47	

CONTRA.

Oct. 1, '54, By cash rec'd dur'g y'r, includ'g former bal. of $2 43—$2,169 54			
By am't sold creditors on acc't,		1,510 69	
" '55, By cash rec'd during the year,	2,777 13		
" By am't sold creditors on acc't,		2,365 67	
" By profit and loss,		32 65	
	$5,215 67	$3,939 01	$9,154 68
Balance due on books,			$ 1,178 79

Gross am't of expense account for two years ending Sept. 30, 1855 bro't over			$ 54,184 70
Less am't expended on Factory building,		$10,125 61	
" advanced for Factory deficit,		5416 31	
" of work sold,		9,701 17	25,276 12
Nett expense of Penitentiary for two years			28,908 58

Expense acc't of Wagon Shop for two years,			$2,729 63
By am't of sales,		$5,602 27	
Balance as profit,			2,872 64
			$5,602 27

Expense of Cabinet Shop for two years,			$ 623 99
By am't of sales,		$1,965 42	
Balance as profit,			1,341 43
			$1,965 42

Profit of Wagon Shop brought down,	$2,872 64	
" Cabinet " " "	1,341 43	
Gross profit on labor of less than ten convicts,		$4,214 07

PENITENTIARY IN ACCOUNT CURRENT FOR TWO YEARS, ENDING SEPT. 30, 1855.

Sept. 30, 1855, To cash from appropriation,		$13,880 50	
" " Bal. on hand Sept. 30 1853,		2 43	
" " " due on books,		669 30	
" " sundries on hand,		9,691 41	$53,100 66
" " Bal. due sundry persons on Penitentiary acc't,		2,811 52	
" " " " " " " Factory acc't,		102 59	
			2,914 01
Balance,			8,756 63
			$64,771 20

CONTRA.

Sept. 30, By work of convicts on buildings, (see report)		$11,060 53	
" " " " made and sold "		9,701 17	48,661 70
" " sundries now on hand, "		10,329 12	
" " cash advanced on Factory acc't	$5,416 31		
" " balance due on " "	102 59	5,518 70	
" " cash on hand,		159 03	
" " profit and loss,		32 65	$16,109 50
			$64,771 20
Oct. 1, By balance brought down,			$8,756 63

The undersigned, Superintendent and Directors of the Texas State Penitentiary, having carefully compared the above and foregoing abstract of the expense and receipts of the Penitentiary for the two years ending Sept. 30th, 1855, with previous annual reports, and find the same correct as set forth. To which we certify by signature, this the 23d of October, A. D. 1855.

J. CARROLL SMITH, WM. M. BARLATT, } Directors. JAMES GILLASPIE, Superintendent.

NAMES OF CONVICTS FOR 1855.	AGE.	NATIVITY.	TERM OF IMPRISONMENT.	OFFENCE.
D. Gonzales,	22	Laredo,	15 years,	Murder 2d degree,
J McGiven,	28	Ireland,	7 do.	Burglary,
S Guerrera,	30	Mexico,	10 do	Att't to kill,
W C Carter,	23	Alabama,	7 do	Negro stealing,
E C Gibson,	42	Tennessee,	10 do	Larceny,
G Lopez,	33	Mexico,	4 do	Forgery,
C Sosa,	29	"	5 do	Horse stealing,
J Montes,	25	"	3 do	do
A Pena,	24	"	5 do	Stealing,
M Pena,	24	"	5 do	do
J Miller,	39	Virginia,	10 do	At't to rape,
R Johnson,	41	Kentucky,	5 do	Larceny,
T Downey,	21	Ireland,	21 do	At't to rape,
J O'Grady,	23	"	3 do 8 mont's	Manslaughter,
V Tobascoe,	26	Mexico,	5 years,	Murder 2d degree,
T Ursuna,	27	"	9 do	do
F Lopez,	20	"	4 do	Horse stealing,
A Ruges,	20	"	5 do	do
T Hoskins,	46	Virginia,	4 do	Murder 2d degree,
J Coleman,	29	Ireland,	3 do	Larceny,
S G Ward,	31	Virginia,	3 do	do
W Hughes,	21	Tennessee,	3 do	do
W Benear,	30	Virginia,	15 do	Murder 2d degree,
A Domingo,	38	Mexico,	2 do	Horse stealing,
G Cardenas,	15	Texas,	4 do	Larceny,
John Hunly,	22	New York,	1 do 6 mont's	Robbery,
D C Mitchell,	25	Kentucky,	5 years,	At't to kill,
W McKay,	34	Indiana,	5 do	Manslaughter,
Jas Burns,	22	England,	3 do	Murder 2d degree,
Tomas Arispi,	30	Mexico,	2 do	Burglary,
H Salazar.	20	"	7 do	Larceny,
M Borgas,	37	"	2 do	Ox stealing,
T Marquez,	19	"	3 do	Larceny,
Jose A Salas,	19	"	3 do	do
W Russell,	20	Missouri,	3 do	do
W M Ward,	17	Tennessee,	2 do	do
Doc. Calhoun.	22	"	4 do	Horse stealing,
H Dalton,	18	Mississippi,	1 do	do
W McDonough.	23	Scotland,	5 do	Burglary,
Jas Batham,	19	New York,	3 do 6 mont's	Larceny,
A Harvie,	36	France,	5 years,	Negro stealing,
Two convictions.	"	"	4 do 6 mont's	Horse do
M La Crury,	21	Mexico,	7 years,	do do
Two convictions.	"	"	5 do	Negro stealing
B Royalls,	28	"	7 do	Horse do
Two convictions.	"	"	5 do	Negro stealing,
Asa B Craig,	30	S. Carolina,	1 do	Horse do
J E Angevine,	23	New York,	1 do	Larceny,
Pablo Trevino,	26	Mexico,	2 do 8 mont's	Horse stealing,
John Frederick,	27	France,	1 do	Manslaughter,
J B Alexander,	27	New York,	5 do	Negro stealing,
E Gadsen,	30	Tennessee,	7 do	Horse stealing,
Chas Collins,	26	Scotland,	5 do	do
Elizabeth Hoffinann,	23	Germany,	1 do	Infanticide,
F Weindecker,	27	"	3 do	Larceny,
Pedro Martinez,	22	Mexico,	3 do	At't to kill,

COUNTY OF CONVICTION	DEATHS.	ESCAPED.	PARDONED.	DISCHARGED ON EXPIRATION OF TERM.
Nueces,				
Cameron,				
"				
Harrison,				
Wharton,		June 24, 1855.		
Cameron,				
"				
"				Jan. 24, 1855.
"				
"				
Washington,				
Harris,				
Bexar,				
"				
"				
"				
"				
Washington,				
Caldwell,				
Cass,				
Upshur,			Aug. 5, 1855	
"				
Limestone,				
Fayette,				Nov. 9, 1854.
Bexar,				
Neuces,				Oct. 17, 1854.
Brazoria,			July 17, 1055.	
Liberty,				
Galveston,				
Bexar,				July 1, 1855.
Cameron.				
"				July 22, 1855.
"				
"				
Victoria,				
Titus,				Sep. 28, 1855.
Travis,				
"				Oct. 16, 1855.
Matagorda,				
San Augustine.				
Wharton,				
"				
"				
"				
"				
Jaspar,				Dec. 2, 1854.
Goliad,				Dec. 15, 1854.
Bexar,				
"				Jan. 6, 1855.
Harrison,		June 24, 1855.		
Fayette,		June 24, 1855,	Same as No. [43.	
"				
Bexar,				April 8, 1855.
"				
"				

NAMES.	AGE.	NATIVITY.	TERM OF IMPRISONMENT.	OFFENCE.
Santiago Hernandez,	42	Texas,	1 do	do
James Smith,	23	England,	4 do	Horse stealing,
J H Vaughan,	48	N Carolina,	2 do	Manslaughter,
John Posey,	25	Georgia,	1 do	Not stated,
W Miller,	21	Pennsylvania,	3 do	Negro stealing,
Chas Perrin,	24	Kentucky,	3 do	Larceny,
R Lawrence,	25	"	10 do	Murder 2d degree
W Ellsberry,	27	Georgia,	2 do 6 mont's	Larceny,
H Hollybee,	35	Tennessee,	1 year,	Manslaughter,
W Whitten,	34	Georgia,	1 do	do
John Hollister,	35	New York,	1 do	Forgery,
Dan'l Killen,	37	England,	1 do	At't to kill,
Sam'l Moody,	22	Maryland,	2 do	Larceny,
Albert Shultz,	32	Prussia,	2 do	do
J Caththorn,	60	N Carolina,	1 do	Att to kill,
Juan Evarro,	22	Mexico,	5 do	Horse stealing,
Two convictions.	"	"	2 do	do
John Caul,	21	Ireland,	3 do	Larceny,
W White,	28	Tennessee,	2 do 10 mo's	At't to kill,
Alex Pina,	30	Mexico,	4 years,	Not stated,
John Munroe,	29	Ireland,	1 do	do
El Garcia,	25	Mexico,	12 do	do
John Farrell,	30	New York,	1 do	At't to kill
Juan Gonzales,	25	Texas,	5 do	Not stated.
Jose A Garcia,	25	Hungary,	1 do	do
Francisco Marchelli,	22	Italy,	1 do	do
Francisco Henzar,	25	Texas,	1 do	do
Pablo Longoria,	24	Mexico,	1 do	do
E M May,	24	Hungary,	1 do	Forgery,
John Holland,	48	Louisiana,	5 do	At't to kill,
John O Day,	25	Connecticut,	2 do	Larceny,
John Roberson,	23	Tennessee,	1 do	At't to kill,
A J Frazin,	18	Arkansas,	3 do	Burglary,
Green Cawdle,	21	Tennessee,	1 do	Larceny,
B M Carter,	45	Georgia,	3 do	Murder 2d degree;
Jas A Sharman,	28	"	7 do	Forgery,
Wm Wiley,	32	New York,	7 do	Negro stealing,
J K Seawell,	26	N. Carolina,	3 do	Murder 2d degree,
W Jones,	36	New York,	1 do	Larceny,
R Brooks,	44	Dist Columbia,	1 do	do
M Lindenbarga,	51	Germany,	5 do	Perjury,
Conrad Fullman,	44	Prussia,	3 do	Manslaughter,
R Monjares,	27	Texas,	1 do	Cattle stealing,
Francisco Calderon,	36	Mexico,	2 do	At't to kill,
Miguel Morales,	42	"	1 do 4 mont's	Horse stealing,
W Gibson,	24	Indiana,	1 year,	At't to kill,
Patrick Roach,	23	Ireland,	1 do	Grand Larceny,
J W Taylor,	16	Tennessee,	2 do 3 mont's	Horse stealing.
John Dormer,	40	Ireland,	5 do	Murder 2d degree,
Francisco Grasbois,	23	France,	5 do	Burglary,
Joseph Bates,	21	Alabama,	7 do	Larceny,
James Hays,	28	Louisiana,	7 do	do
John Blackman,	28	Alabama,	7 do	do
Henry Florence,	23	New York,	1 do	do
A J Griswell,	26	Kentucky,	7 do	Horse stealing,
Alfred Wagner,	31	Prussia,	1 do	At't to kill,

COUNTY OF CONVICTION.	DEATHS.	ESCAPED.	PARDONED.	DISCHARGED ON EXPIRATION OF TERM.
"				April 8, 1855.
Walker,	Dec. 16, 1854.			
Austin,				
Wood,				May 1, 1855,
Fort Bend,				
Cherokee,				
"				
Dallas,				
Williamson,				June 8, 1855.
Rusk,				June 16, 1855.
Galveston,				July 3, 1855.
"				do do
"				
"				
Houston,				Sept. 15, '55.
Fayette,				
"				
Victoria,				
Hopkins,				
Bexar,				
"				
"				
"			Dec. 17. 1854.	
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"				
"				
"				
"				
Madison,				
Wharton,				
Tarrant,				
"				
Tyler,				
Red River,				
Panola,				
Harris,				
"				
Galveston,				
"				
"				
Bastrop,				
Calhoun,			July 17, 1855.	
Bexar,			Sep. 7, 1855.	
"				
"	Aug. 12, 1855.			
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"				
Milam,				
Brazoria,				
Liberty,				
"				
"				
"				
Harris,	2	1	5	18
"				
Houston,				

No.	NAMES OF CONVICTS FOR 1854.	AGE.	PLACE OF NATIVITY.	TERM OF IMPRISONMENT.	OFFENCE.
4	Casimero Aco,	25	Laredo,	15 years.	Murder 2d degree.
5	Dionicio Gonzales,	22	"	10 "	" "
9	A. E. Livingston,	40	Pennsylvania,	10 "	" "
10	Wm. Garrett,	42	Louisiana,	4 "	" "
15	James Debon,	21	North Carolina,	3 "	Larceny,
18	John McGiven,	28	Ireland,	7 "	Burglary,
19	Salvador Guerrera,	30	Mexico,	10 "	Ass'lt to kill,
22	Jose M. Cambos,	26	"	3 "	"
35	Wm. C. Carter,	23	Alabama,	7 "	Negro stealing,
40	Wm. Steelman,	19	Georgia,	7 "	Ass'lt to kill.
42	Chas. Wallace.	33	New York,	2 "	Larceny,
43	*Edw'd C. Gibson,	42	Tennessee,	10 "	"
46	Pretonello Robles,	31	Mexico,	2 "	"
49	Robert White,	20	Florida,	2 " 6 mo.	Horse stealing,
52	F. M. Marshall,	23	Tennessee,	5 "	Ass'lt to kill,
53	Teodoces Rodriguez,	18	Mexico,	2 "	Mare stealing,
55	Guadalupe Lopez,	33	"	4 "	Forgery,
56	Juan Levra,	20	"	2 "	Horse stealing,
58	Apalonis Flores,	30	"	2 "	"
59	Calarino Sosa,	29	"	5 "	"
60	Nicholas Hernandez,	20	"	2 "	"
61	Jesus Montes,	25	"	3 "	"
62	Andecicius Pena,	24	Stealing,	5 "	"
63	Manuel Pena,	24	"	5 "	"
64	James Davis,	37	New York,	2 "	Larceny,
65	Jacob Miller,	39	Virginia,	10 "	Ass'lt to com. Rape.
69	Ignacio Campo,	30	Mexico,	2 "	Larceny.
71	R. Johnson,	41	Kentucky,	5 "	"
73	Thomas Downey,	27	Ireland,	21 "	Ass'lt to com. Rape,
74	John O'Grady,	23	"	3 " 8 mo.	Manslaughter,
75	Victoriano Cobassos,	26	Mexico,	5 "	Murder 2d degree.
76	Tibnicio Orsuna,	27	"	9 "	" "
77	Felipe Lopez,	20	"	4 "	Horse stealing,
78	Louis Gonzales,	20	"	2 "	"
81	Antonio Ruges,	20	"	5 "	"
82	Estabam Arambalo,	30	"	1 "	Larceny,
83	Thomas Hoskins,	46	Virginia,	4 "	Murder 2d degree,
84	John Frank,	40	Germany,	1 "	Larceny,
85	John Coleman,	29	Ireland,	3 "	"
87	Sam'l G. Ward,	34	Virginia,	3 "	"
88	Wm Hughes,	21	Tennessee,	3 "	"
89	Wm. Benear,	30	Virginia,	15 "	Murder 2d degree,
90	Antonio Domingo,	38	Mexico,	2 "	Horse stealing,
91	Massilon Farley,	44	New Hampshire	8 "	Rape,
92	Martin Hilmuth,	40	Germany,	1 "	Larceny,
93	Gregorio Cardenas,	15	Texas,	4 "	"
94	George Green,	31	New York,	1 "	Manslaughter,
95	John Hunley,	22	"	1 " 6 mo.	Robbery,
96	George Williams,	25	"	3 "	Larceny,
97	Davis C. Mitchell,	25	Kentucky,	5 "	Ass'lt to kill,
98	William Mackey,	31	Maryland,	5 "	Manslaughter,
99	James Burns,	22	England,	3 "	Murder 2d degree,
100	B. F. Henderson,	21	Mississippi,	1 "	Larceny,
101	†James Smith,	22	England,	1 "	"

* Reported escaped Aug. 23d, 1852, returned under new conviction March 23 54 See No. 128.

† Retaken April 15, 1854.

FROM WHAT COUNTY.	DEATHS.	ESCAPES.	DISCHARGED ON EXPIRATION OF TERM.	PARDONED.
Nueces,				Jan. 28, 1854.
"				
Cherokee,				Oct. 17, 1853.
Jefferson,			May 25, 1854,	
Guadalupe,			Nov. 27, 1853,	
Cameron,				
"				
"			Jan. 31, 1854,	
Harrison,				
Henderson,				Dec. 20, 1853,
Gonzales,			Oct. 27, 1853,	
Wharton,*				
Starr,			Nov. 5, 1853,	
Leon,			May 10, 1854,	
Nacogdoches,				Nov. 28, 1853,
Cameron,			Jan. 24. 1854.	
"				
"			Feb. 15, 1854,	
"			Jan. 24, 1854,	
"				
"			Jan. 24, 1854.	
"				
"				
"				
Victoria,			March 22, 1854,	
Washington,				
Starr,			May 8, 1851,	
Harris,				
Bexar,				
"				
"				
"				
"				
Washington,			Jan. 27, 1854.	
San Patricio,				
Caldwell,			Oct 15, 1853.	
Travis,				
Cass,			Oct. 18. 1853,	
Upshur,				
"				
Limestone,				
Fayette,				
Williamson,				
Bexar,				Nov. 25, 1853,
"			Feb. 22, 1854,	
Nueces,				
"			April 17, 1854,	
Fort Bend,				
Brazoria,				
Liberty,				
Galveston,				
"				
Bexar,*			June 19, 1854.	
		April 11, 1854,	June 30 1854,	

No.	NAMES.	AGE	PLACE OF NATIVITY.	TERM OF IMPRISONMENT.	OFFENCE.
102	George Wells,	23	Vermont,	1 "	Rec'g stolen goods,
103	Tomas Arispi,	30	Mexico,	2 "	Burglary,
104	Heginio Salazar,	20	"	7 "	Larceny,
105	Matias Borgas,	37	Matamoras,	2 "	Ox stealing,
106	Andres Pana,	21	Mexico,	1 "	Burglary, &c.,
107	Teofilo Marques,	19	"	3 "	Larceny,
108	Cristoval Casteno,	28	"	5 "	"
109	Jose Angelas Salas,	19	"	3 "	"
110	James Henry,	25	Ohio,	4 "	Horse stealing,
111	William Russel,	20	Missouri,	3 "	Larceny,
112	William M. Ward,	17	Tennessee,	2 "	"
113	James Smith,	44	Kentucky,	1 "	"
114	*Doc Calhoun,	22	Tennessee,	4 "	Horse stealing,
115	Hero Dalton,	18	Mississippi,	1 "	"
116	Wm. McDonough,	23	Scotland,	5 "	Burglary,
117	James Bathen,	19	New York,	3 " 6 mo.	Larceny,
118	†Alphonse Starin,	36	France,	5 "	Negro stealing.
"	" "	"	"	4 " 6 mo.	"
119	†Marcel la Crury,	21	Mexico,	7 "	Horse stealing,
"	" "	"	"	5 "	Slave stealing,
120	†Bocaonia Royalls,	28	"	7 "	Horse stealing,
"	" "	"	"	5 "	Slave stealing,
121	Albert W. Bransford,	42	Virginia,	1 "	Manslaughter,
22	Asa B. Craig,	30	South Carolina,	1 "	Horse stealing,
123	J. E. B. Angevine,	23	New York,	1 "	Larceny,
124	‡Henry White,	22	"	2 "	"
125	Pablo Trevino.	26	Mexico,	2 " 8 mo.	Horse stealing,
126	John Frederick,	27	France,	1 "	Manslaughter,
127	J. B. Alexander,	27	New York,	5 "	Negro stealing,
128	‖Edward Gadsen,	30	Tennessee,	7 "	Horse stealing,
129	Charles Collins,	26	Scotland,	5 "	"
130	Elizabeth Hoffman,	23	Germany,	1 "	Infanticide,
131	Fred. Weindecker,	27	"	3 "	Larceny,
132	Pedro Martinez,	22	Mexico,	3 "	Ass'lt to kill,
133	Santiago Hernandez,	42	Bexar,	1 "	"
134	§James Smith,	23	England,	4 "	Mule stealing.
135	John H. Vaughan,	44	North Carolina,	2 "	Manslaughter,
136	John Posey,	25	Georgia,	1 "	not named,
137	William Miller,	21	Pennsylvania,	3 "	Slave stealing,
138	Charles Perrin,	24	Kentucky,	3 "	Larceny,
139	R. Lawrence,	25	"	10 "	Murder 2d degree,
140	William Ellsbery,	27	Georgia,	2 " 6 mo.	Larceny,
141	H. Holybee,	35	Tennessee,	1 "	Manslaughter,
142	William Whitten,	34	Georgia,	1 "	"
143	J. Hollister,	35	New York,	1 "	Falsely making and writing, &c.
144	Dan'l Killem,	37	London,	1 "	Ass'lt to kill.
145	Sam'l Moody,	22	Maryland,	2 "	Larceny,
146	Albert Shultz,	32	Prussia,	2 "	"
147	John Caththor,	60	North Carolina,	1 "	Ass'lt to kill,
148	¶Juan Evarro.	22	Mexico,	7 "	Horse stealing,

‡ Retaken January 2, 1854,
† Two separate convictions.
‡ Out on Mandate Supreme Court, March 29, 1854.
‖ Same as No. 43, § Same as 101.
¶ Two offences, same as No. 56.

FROM WHAT COUNTY.	DEATHS.	ESCAPES.	DISCHARGED ON EXPIRATION OF TERM.	PARDONED.
Bexar,			July 1, 1854.	
"				
Cameron,				
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"			July 22, 1854.	
"				
"	Oct. 22, 1853,			
"				
Red River,	Aug. 10, 1854,			
Victoria,				
Titus,				
Montgomery,				Oct. 21, 1853,
Travis,		Jan. 2, 1854,		
"				
Matagorda,				
San Augustine,				
Wharton,				
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Burleson,	Aug. 18, 1854.			
Jasper,				
Goliad,				
Brazoria,				
Bexar,				
"				
Harrison,				
Fayette,				
"				
Bexar,				
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Walker,				
Austin,				
Wood,				
Fort Bend,				
Cherokee,				
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Dallas,				
Williamson,				
Rusk,				
Galveston,				
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Houston,				
Fayette,				

CHARACTER OF CRIME OF THOSE NOW IN PRISON.

Murder in 2d degree, 10; Manslaughter, 3; Assault with intent to kill, 8; Assault with intent to commit rape, 2; Perjury, 1; Forgery, 3; Negro stealing, 8; Horse stealing, 12; Larceny, 23; Ox stealing, 1; Stealing, 2; Not stated, 8; Grand Larceny, 1; Burglary, 4. Total—86.

Two convictions in four cases.

STATES OR COUNTRIES OF WHICH THEY ARE NATIVES.

Texas, 5; Alabama, 3; Virginia, 3; Kentucky, 4; Tennessee, 6; New York, 6; Maryland, 3; Missouri, 1; North Carolina, 2; Pennsylvania, 1; Georgia, 3; Louisiana, 2; Connecticut, 1; Arkansas, 1; Dis't of Columbia, 1; Ireland, 8; Mexico, 21; England, 1; Scotland, 2; France, 2; Germany, 2; Prussia, 1; Hungary, 2; Italy, 1. Total—82.

For second offence, 2.

FROM WHAT COUNTIES SENT.

Austin, 1; Bastrop, 1; Brazoria, 1; Bexar, 20; Cameron, 9; Cherokee, 2; Caldwell, 1; Cass, 1; Dallas, 1; Fayette, 2; Fort Bend, 2; Galveston, 6; Houston, 1; Harris, 5; Harrison, 2; Hopkins, 1; Limestone, 1; Liberty, 5; Matagorda, 1; Madison, 1; Milam, 1; Nueces, 1; Panola, 1; Red River, 1; San Augustine, 1; Tarrant, 2; Travis, 1; Tyler, 1; Upshur, 1; Victoria, 2; Washington, 2; Wharton, 4. Totrl—82.

Whole number of convicts in prison Sept. 30, 1854, 69; Whole number of convicts received to Sept. 30, 1855, 39; Total, 108. Of which, there has been discharged by expiration of sentence, 18; Pardoned, 5; Deaths, 2; Escapes, 1. Total—26.

In prison Oct. 1st, 1855, 82.

TERMS OF SENTENCES OF THOSE NOW IN CONFINEMENT.

21 years, 1; 15 years, 2; 12 years, 1; 10 years, 4; 9 years, 1; 7 years, 10; 5 years, 19; 4 years 6 months, 1; 4 years, 6; 3 years 8 months, 1; 3 years 6 months, 1; 3 years, 14; 2 years 10 months, 1; 2 years 8 months, 1; 2 years 6 months, 1; 2 years 3 months, 1; 2 years, 7; 1 year, 14. Total—131.

The disparity between 86 and 82 results from double convictions in four cases.

The convicts now in prison are engaged as follows, to wit: Making and burning brick, 26; Bricklayers, 7; Tenders, 15; Carpenter shop, 7; Turner, 1; Lathe turner, 2; Painter, 1; Bl'ksmith shop & coal burner, 5; Wagon shop, 5; Cabinet shop, 4; Shoemakers, 2; Tailors, 2; Cooks and washer, 3; Sweepers, 2. Total—82.